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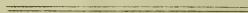
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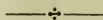
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# LIBRARY SERVICE.



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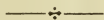
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*Bookbinder*—EDWARD HALL.

*Janitor*—JAMES CROMBIE.

## LIBRARY NOTANDA.



POPULATION OF MUNICIPAL BURGH (Estimated), . . 110,000

RATABLE VALUE, . . . . . £432,000

RATE (One Penny per Pound) yielded, 1889-90, . £1740 4s. 6d.

RATE „ „ yielded, 1885-6, . £1548 12s. 6d.

READING ROOM OPENED, 25th August, 1885.

LENDING DEPARTMENT OPENED, 12th March, 1886.

LENDING DEPARTMENT STOCK, 22,361 vols., making 20,631 issuable works, equivalent to 18·76 issuable works per cent. of population.

LENDING DEPARTMENT ISSUES (of issuable works) 257,511.

READING ROOM ISSUES of Magazine Numbers and Books of Reference, 58,791.

BORROWERS' CARDS in force, 7583.

ISSUABLE WORKS taken out per borrower, 33·96.

THE REFERENCE DEPARTMENT is in process of organisation.





## REPORT FOR YEAR 1889-90.

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During the year ending 30th September, 1890, the Lending Department of the Library was open to the public on 271 entire days.\* The total number of issues was 257,511, as against 236,894 in the previous year—an increase of 20,617 issues. The largest issue on any one day took place on 15th March, when 1577 separate issues were made, representing an overturn for the day of 3154. In the Reading Room, 51,084 Magazines were issued during the year, as against 53,280 in the previous year—a decrease for the year of 2196; while, in the same Room, the small library of Books of Reference were consulted 7707 times, as compared with 8088 times in the previous year. The total number of separate issues in the Lending Department and Reading Room for the year was 316,302, as against last year's total of 298,262—an increase over the whole of 18,040. Since the opening of the Lending Department in 1886, there have been 1,055,466 separate issues to the public for home reading of entire books, or issuable parts of books. In this large overturn, all the books have been accounted for, but five of them may be considered lost, as those who borrowed them have left town; and, spite of the efforts made to trace them, their present whereabouts are still unknown to the Committee.

\* The Department being open to the public on Wednesdays for only two hours, four Wednesdays are reckoned as equivalent to one entire day.

During the year, there were obtained for the Lending Department, by purchase, 1440 volumes, and by gift 77 volumes, but as 1000 of these were used to replace worn-out and withdrawn copies, and 131 volumes were transferred to the Reference Department, the net increase is 359 volumes, and the total stock of the lending Department, therefore, now stands at 22,361 volumes.

The Committee has gratefully to acknowledge the receipt of 298 volumes and 207 pamphlets, of which 77 volumes have been placed in the Lending Department. It has also to thank the donors of 58 periodicals of various kinds which are placed in the Reading Room for the use of the public.

The Register of Borrowers from the Lending Department has been carefully revised and purged, only those names being left on it for which new tickets had been issued during the year. Thus rectified, the Register now includes a total number of 7583 Borrowers. Twenty-two books were lost by borrowers, and paid for by them or their guarantors. The sum so received, together with the amount paid by way of fines for detention and damage of books amounted, in all, to £164 14s. 2d., being, on an average, nearly 12s. 2d. per day; 1469 forms, bespeaking books, were handed in, and post-cards, to the value of £6 2s. 5d., were sent out in response. 1232 Catalogues and Supplements were sold, yielding a sum of £20 7s. 8d.

The Binding operations for the year have been heavy. 5598 Volumes have been treated for slight repairs and recovering by the Committee's own binder working in the Library. In addition to these, 1723 volumes belonging to the Lending Department, and 1390 volumes belonging to the Reference Department, have been bound or rebound by other binders, at an average cost of elevenpence and one shilling and one penny per volume respectively.

With regard to the work of organising the Reference Department, the Librarian was able, in the month of July, to report that about 6000 volumes had been dealt with, and the work of preparing them for public use was well advanced. In order that this might be brought to a completion, and the remaining volumes belonging to the Department might be similarly dealt with before the opening of the new building, it was resolved to procure the services of an additional assistant. In consequence of this step, the work is now proceeding at a rate which leaves little doubt that, with the entrance of the Library into its new premises, the privileges of a well equipped Reference Department, which have been so long denied to the public, will be fully established.

It is with much satisfaction that the Committee records the fact that, in the beginning of April, the Town Council accepted tenders for the erection of a new building on the Rosemount Viaduct, and that the work is now in progress.

DAVID STEWART,

*Lord Provost and Chairman.*

A. W. ROBERTSON, M.A.,

*Librarian,*

15th October, 1890.

TABLE I.—STOCK ACCOUNT OF LENDING DEPARTMENT.

Volumes in the Department at 30th September, 1889,	...	22,002
Added during the year :—		
By purchase,	... ..	1440
By gift,	... ..	77
	—	1517
		<hr/> 23,519
Deduct Vols. lost or injured by Borrowers and paid for,	22	
"    " worn out and replaced by Committee,	... 554	
"    " worn out and not replaced,	... 446	
"    " lost, by default of Borrowers and Guarantors,	... .. 5	
"    " transferred to Reference Department,	... 131	
	—	1158
		<hr/> 22,361
Total Stock of Lending Department at 30th September, 1890,		<hr/> <hr/> 22,361

TABLE II.—STATEMENT OF STOCK OF LENDING DEPARTMENT ACCORDING TO ITS COMPONENT CLASSES.

Philosophy,	... ..	355
Theology,	... ..	1025
Sociology,	... ..	910
Philology,	... ..	189
Science,	... ..	1438
Useful Arts,	... ..	621
Fine Arts,	... ..	555
General Literature— <i>i.e.</i> , Literary History, Critical Essays, &c.	1344	
Fiction,	... ..	8130
Biography, History and Travels,	... ..	4545
Magazines,	... ..	2577
Poetry and Drama,	... ..	672
		<hr/> 22,361

TABLE III.—SHOWING THE NUMBER OF DAYS THE LENDING DEPARTMENT WAS OPEN; THE MONTHLY ISSUES IN EACH CLASS; THE TOTAL NUMBER OF ISSUES; THE DAILY AVERAGE ISSUES; THE CLASS PERCENTAGES.

SEPARATE BOOK ISSUES FROM LENDING DEPARTMENT.

MONTH.	Days Open.	Philosophy.	Theology.	Sociology.	Philology.	Science.	Useful Arts.	Fine Arts.	General Literature.	Fiction (Prose).	Biography, History, Travels.	Magazines, (complete bound vols.)	Poetry.	Juvenile Literature.	Total separate Issues.	Daily Average.
October, 1889	23	103	297	231	142	526	401	251	676	9905	1912	2547	349	4952	22,292	969
November, "	23	120	354	234	120	596	380	267	728	9682	2188	3025	328	4841	22,883	985
December, "	23	118	248	253	97	493	348	256	647	9216	2013	2557	368	4608	21,222	923
January, 1890	23	124	295	262	94	595	388	314	678	11,394	2408	2877	382	3797	23,608	1026
February, "	21	117	275	220	93	589	398	275	683	10,854	2372	2878	402	3618	22,774	1084
March, "	23	114	323	259	113	678	420	308	776	12,215	2446	3105	441	4071	25,269	1098
April, "	22	114	282	220	114	558	325	237	628	11,100	2063	2771	340	3700	22,452	1020
May, "	23	93	205	169	107	438	277	226	589	10,642	1834	2353	330	3814	21,077	916
June, "	22	72	172	172	90	417	244	215	446	9878	1488	1857	278	3292	18,621	846
July, "	23	70	181	137	70	300	233	211	374	9974	1400	1860	239	3324	18,373	800
August, "	23	90	204	155	96	375	265	200	436	9931	1419	1975	249	3310	18,705	813
September, "	22	89	223	137	105	469	252	212	520	10,495	1641	2327	267	3498	20,235	920
* Totals, ...	271	1224	3059	2469	1241	6034	3931	2972	7181	125,286	23,184	30,132	3973	46,825	257,511	950
Percentage, ...		47	1.18	.96	.48	2.35	1.53	1.16	2.79	48.65	9.00	11.70	1.55	18.18	100	

\* The Department being open to the public on Wednesdays for only two hours, four Wednesdays are reckoned as equivalent to one entire day.

TABLE IV.—LIST OF DONORS.

	Vol.	Pamph.
<i>Aberdeen Journal</i> Proprietors, - - - - -	4	
Aberdeen Mechanical Society, - - - - -	2	
Aberdeen Town Council, - - - - -	3	
Aberdeen University Library Committee, - - - - -		1
Aberdeen University Senatus, - - - - -	1	
<i>Aberdeen Weekly News</i> Publisher, - - - - -		1
Alexander (William), LL.D., Aberdeen, - - - - -	11	
Anderson (John), Linen Hall Library, Belfast, - - - - -	1	
Anderson (P. J.), Aberdeen, - - - - -	2	
Anderson (Robert), Aberdeen, - - - - -	5	
Baillie's Institution Free Library, Glasgow, - - - - -		1
Barrett (F. T.), Glasgow, - - - - -	1	
Barrow-in-Furness Free Public Library, - - - - -		1
Battersea Public Libraries, - - - - -		1
Bell & Sons (George), London, - - - - -	1	
Birkenhead Free Public Library, - - - - -		1
Birmingham Free Libraries' Committee, - - - - -	2	2
Bodleian Library, - - - - -		1
Bolton Public Free Library, - - - - -		1
Bradford Public Free Libraries, - - - - -		1
Brebner (Wm.), Aberdeen, - - - - -	7	
Bright & Son (F. J.), Bournemouth, - - - - -	1	
British Museum Trustees, - - - - -	29	1
Bryce (J.), M.P., London, - - - - -	2	
Buffalo Library, - - - - -		1
Burgess (A. M.), Ottawa, - - - - -	3	
Cambridge Public Free Library, - - - - -		1
Canada N. W. Land Coy., Ltd., - - - - -	1	
Cassell & Coy., Ltd., London, - - - - -	1	
Cheltenham Public Library, - - - - -		1
Chester Free Public Library, - - - - -		1
Chicago Public Library, - - - - -		1
Clapham Public Library, - - - - -		1
Clerkenwell Free Public Library, - - - - -		1
Clive (W. B.), & Co., London, - - - - -	52	
Cobbe (Frances Power), - - - - -	1	
Cornell University, U.S.A., - - - - -		1
Corporation of London Library Committee, - - - - -	1	



	Vols. Pamph.	
Coutts (John), London, - - - - -	12	9
Cox (Wm. Geo.), Dublin, - - - - -	3	
Cramond (W.), Cullen, - - - - -	1	
Crawshay (Mrs. Rose Mary), Cathedine, - - - - -	1	
Cust (R. Needham), London, - - - - -	10	
Davidson (Alexander), of Dess, - - - - -	1	
Derby Free Library, - - - - -		1
Dick Bequest Trustees, Edinburgh, - - - - -	4	
Doncaster Free Library, - - - - -		1
Ealing Free Public Library, - - - - -		1
East London Institute for Home and Foreign Missions, -	1	
Edinburgh Public Library Committee, - - - - -	2	
Edinburgh University Senatus, - - - - -	1	
Esslemont (P.), M.P., Aberdeen, - - - - -	16	
Farquharson (Mrs.), of Haughton, - - - - -		1
Forbes (Lord), Castle Forbes, - - - - -		22
Forsyth (Rev. P. T.), Leicester, - - - - -		4
Fryer (Dr. Alfred C.), Clifton, - - - - -	2	
Glasgow University Senatus, - - - - -	1	
Great Yarmouth Free Libraries, - - - - -		1
Guille-Allés Library, Guernsey, - - - - -		1
Halifax Public Library, - - - - -		1
Hamilton Public Library, Canada, - - - - -	2	1
Handsworth Public Library, - - - - -		2
Hanley Public Free Library, - - - - -		1
Hart (W. Fairburn), Leeds, - - - - -		2
Harvard University, U. S. A., - - - - -		1
Hay (Prof. Matthew), M.D., Aberdeen, - - - - -	1	
Hedley (William), - - - - -		4
Highland and Agricultural Society of Scotland, - - - - -	1	
Houston (R.), Aberdeen, - - - - -	24	56
India Office, London, - - - - -	1	
Jervise (The late A.), Trustees of, - - - - -	3	
Johnston (W.), M.D., Aldershot, - - - - -	3	
Jones (H. T.), Aberdeen, - - - - -	2	
Kensington Public Libraries, - - - - -		2
King (Dr. George), Calcutta, - - - - -	2	
Leamington Spa Free Public Library, - - - - -		1
Leeds Public Free Library, - - - - -		2
Leicester Free Public Libraries, - - - - -		1
Leng & Co. (John), Dundee, - - - - -	1	
Liverpool Free Public Library, - - - - -		1

	Vol. Pamph.
M'Connochie (A. I.), Aberdeen, - - - - -	2
Macpherson (Norman), LL.D., Edinburgh, - - - - -	1
Manchester Public Free Libraries, - - - - -	1
Matthews (Wm.), New York, - - - - -	1
Milne (John), Aberdeen, - - - - -	3
Milwaukee Public Library, - - - - -	1
Mitchell (James, Jr.), Aberdeen, - - - - -	5
Morgan (John), Aberdeen, - - - - -	1
Morrison (Mrs. Frank), London, - - - - -	1
Newcastle-upon-Tyne Public Libraries, - - - - -	4
New York Mechanics' Society, - - - - -	1
Norwich Free Library, - - - - -	1
Nottingham Free Library, - - - - -	2
Owen's College, Manchester, - - - - -	1
Plymouth Free Public Library, - - - - -	1
Popoff (Constantine), - - - - -	2
Preston Free Public Library, - - - - -	1
Providence Public Library, - - - - -	1
Queensland Patents Office, - - - - -	4
Ramsay (Alexander), Banff, - - - - -	3
Reith (William B.), Aberdeen, - - - - -	9
Richmond Free Public Library, - - - - -	1
Robertson (Prof. Croom), London, - - - - -	26
Rochdale Free Public Library, - - - - -	1
Routledge (George), & Sons, London, - - - - -	1
St. Helen's Free Public Library, - - - - -	1
Salford Libraries, - - - - -	1
Scottish Home Rule Association, Edinburgh, - - - - -	6
Sell (Henry), London, - - - - -	2
Sheffield Free Public Libraries, - - - - -	1
South Shields Public Library, - - - - -	1
Stirling's and Glasgow Public Library, - - - - -	1
Struthers (John), M.D., Aberdeen, - - - - -	1
Swansea Public Library, - - - - -	1
Swedenborg Society, - - - - -	1
Temple (Rev. W.), Forgue, - - - - -	1
Twickenham Free Public Library, - - - - -	1
Tynemouth Free Public Library, - - - - -	2
U. S. A. Bureau of Education, - - - - -	6
Victoria Street and International Society, London, - - - - -	1
Waddie (Charles), Edinburgh, - - - - -	2
Waddie (John), London, - - - - -	1



	Vol.	Pamph.
Walker (Alexander), Aberdeen, - - - - -	4	1
Walker (James), Aberdeen, - - - - -		1
Walker (Robert), Aberdeen, - - - - -		6
Webster (Rev. Alex.), Aberdeen, - - - - -	1	
Wednesbury Free Library, - - - - -		1
Whitehead (Sir James), London, - - - - -		1
Wolverhampton Free Library, - - - - -		1
Anonymous, - - - - -	6	16

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Rockwell (J. E.), Richmond, Va., U. S. A. 1 Bronze medal.

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TABLE V.—LIST OF PERIODICALS IN THE  
READING ROOM.

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*Those marked thus (\*) are presented.*

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DAILIES.

Aberdeen Journal (2 copies).	North British Daily Mail.
Daily Free Press (2 copies).	Pall Mall Gazette.
Daily Graphic.	Scotsman.
Dundee Advertiser.	Scottish Leader.
Evening Express (2 copies).	Shipping Gazette.
Evening Gazette (2 copies).	Standard.
Freeman's Journal.	Star.
Glasgow Herald.	Times.

WEEKLIES.

Academy.	Broad Arrow.
*Aspirant.	Builder.
Athenæum.	*Canadian Gazette (2 copies).
*Australian Times.	Christian World.
Banffshire Journal.	*Civil Service Competitor.
Bazaar.	*Commonweal.
*British and Colonial Printer.	*Drapers' Record.
British Weekly.	Educational News.

\*Empire (Canadian).

Engineering.

English Mechanic.

Field.

\*Fowls (2 copies).

Fun.

Funny Folks.

Gardener's Chronicle.

Graphic.

Illustrated London News.

\*Illustrated Official Journal of  
Patents.

\*Inquirer (2 copies).

\*Invention.

Iron.

Journal of the Society of Arts.

Judy.

Land and Water.

\*League Journal.

Literary World.

\*Montreal Witness.

Nation (New York).

Nature.

\*Northern Advertiser.

Notes and Queries.

Pen and Pencil.

People's Journal.

\*Phonetic Journal.

Punch (2 copies).

Saturday Review.

Scottish Highlander.

Speaker.

\*Speaker.

Spectator.

\*Textile Mercury.

## MONTHLIES.

"A.I."

\*Aberdeen Illustrated Magazine.

All the Year Round.

\*Antiquary.

\*Anti-Slavery Reporter.

Argosy.

Art Journal.

\*Assure.

Atlantic Monthly.

\*Australian Irrigation Colonies.

Blackwood's Magazine.

Bookseller.

Boy's Own Paper.

British Bookmaker.

Carpenter and Builder.

Cassell's Family Magazine (2 cop.).

Cassell's Saturday Journal (2 cop.).

Century.

Chambers's Journal (2 copies).

\*Christian Socialist.

Contemporary Review.

Cornhill Magazine.

\*Custom House Monthly List of  
deceased Seamen.

\*Dis-Establishment Banner.

\*Educational Times.

English Illustrated Magazine.

\*Englishwoman's Review.

Expositor.

Expository Times.

Family Herald (2 copies).

Financial Reformer.

Fortnightly Review.

\*Good Templar.

Good Words.

\*Granite Cutters' Journal (American).

Great Thoughts.

Harper's Monthly.

Highland Monthly.

Illustrations.

\*Imperial Federation.

\*Insurance and Banking.

\*Insurance and Financial Gazette.

*Inventor.	Printing Times and Lithographer.
Journal of Education.	*Public Health.
*Journal of Fabrics.	Publisher's Circular.
Knowledge.	Quiver.
Leisure Hour.	*Rechabite and Temperance Magazine.
*Liberal Unionist.	
*Liberator.	*Record of Ragged Schools.
Literary News.	Reporter's Magazine.
London Society.	*Resources of California.
Longman's Magazine.	Review of Reviews.
*Machinery Market.	St. Nicholas.
Macmillan's Magazine.	Science Gossip.
Magazine of Art.	*Scottish Geographical Magazine.
*Manufacturer.	Scottish Notes and Queries.
Murray's Magazine.	Scribner's Magazine.
*Musical Budget.	*Script Phonographic Journal.
*Musical Times.	Sunday at Home.
National Review.	Sunday Magazine.
New Review.	Temple Bar.
Nineteenth Century.	*Union (2 copies—1 German, 1 English).
North American Review.	Universal Review.
*Our Own Gazette.	*Vegetarian.
Outing.	*Western World.
*People's Friend.	Westminster Review.
*Pitman's Musical Monthly.	*Wine, Spirit, and Beer.
Plumber and Decorator.	Work.
*Practical Patentee.	Young England.
*Practical Photographer.	Young Man.
Practical Teacher.	*Zoophilist.
*Printer's Register.	

### QUARTERLIES.

Colonial Emigration Circulars.	Scottish Naturalist.
Edinburgh Review.	Scottish Review.
Mind.	Subjects of the Day.
Quarterly Review.	

### RAILWAY TIME-TABLES.

*Caledonian.	*Great North of Scotland.
*Cornwall's Guide to Railways and Steamers.	*London and North-Western
*East Coast.	*Midland.
	*North British,

TABLE VI.—LIST OF PERIODICALS IN THE READING ROOM OF WHICH A RECORD OF ISSUE IS KEPT, WITH THE NUMBER OF ISSUES.

"A.L.," ... ..	2175	Magazine of Art, ... ..	774
All the Year Round, ... ..	621	Mind, ... ..	259
Antiquary, ... ..	54	Murray's Magazine, ... ..	280
Argosy, ... ..	459	National Review, ... ..	208
Art Journal, ... ..	761	New Review, ... ..	175
Atlantic Monthly, ... ..	218	Nineteenth Century, ... ..	648
Blackwood, ... ..	394	North American Review, ... ..	329
Boys' Own Paper, ... ..	7487	Outing, ... ..	1286
British Bookmaker, ... ..	46	People's Friend, ... ..	2917
Carpenter and Builder, ... ..	169	Plumber and Decorator, ... ..	116
Cassell's Family Magazine, ... ..	1459	Practical Teacher, ... ..	333
Cassell's Saturday Journal, ... ..	6359	Printing Times and Litho-	
Century, ... ..	1147	grapher, ... ..	212
Chambers's Journal, ... ..	3252	Publisher's Circular, ... ..	84
Contemporary Review, ... ..	527	Quarterly Review, ... ..	69
Cornhill Magazine, ... ..	454	Quiver, ... ..	496
Edinburgh Review, ... ..	112	Reporter's Magazine, ... ..	433
English Illustrated Maga-		Review of Reviews, ... ..	777
zine, ... ..	600	St. Nicholas, ... ..	1331
Expositor, ... ..	196	Science Gossip, ... ..	154
Expository Times, ... ..	187	Scottish Geographical Maga-	
Family Herald, ... ..	1337	zine, ... ..	98
Fortnightly Review, ... ..	525	Scottish Naturalist, ... ..	40
Good Words, ... ..	374	Scottish Notes and Queries, ... ..	294
Great Thoughts, ... ..	467	Scottish Review, ... ..	79
Harper's Monthly Magazine, ... ..	1443	Scribner, ... ..	1073
Highland Monthly, ... ..	220	Subjects of the Day, ... ..	63
Illustrations, ... ..	744	Sunday at Home, ... ..	331
Journal of the Society of		Sunday Magazine, ... ..	223
Arts, ... ..	46	Temple Bar, ... ..	521
Leisure Hour, ... ..	1159	Universal Review, ... ..	598
Literary News, ... ..	61	Westminster Review, ... ..	271
London Society, ... ..	526	Work, ... ..	593
Longman's Magazine, ... ..	373	Young England, ... ..	1223
Macmillan's Magazine, ... ..	358	Young Man, ... ..	486

Total Number of Issues for 1889-90 ... .. 51,084

" " " for 1888-89 ... .. 53,280

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Decrease for 1889-90 ... .. 2196

## TABLE VII.—LIST OF BOOKS OF REFERENCE IN THE READING ROOM.

- Aberdeen Almanac and Northern Register.  
 Aberdeen Directory.  
 Aberdeen Public Library Catalogue.  
 \*Aberdeen University Calendar.  
 \*Advertisers' ABC.  
 Annals of our own Time. 4 vols.  
 Army List.  
 Australian Handbook.  
 \*Banffshire Year Book.  
 Bryan's Dictionary of Painters and Engravers. 2 vols.  
 \*Cassell's Illustrated Almanack.  
 Cates's Dictionary of Biography.  
 Chambers's Cyclopædia of English Literature. 2 vols.  
 Chambers's Encyclopædia. 10 vols.  
 Chemistry applied to the Arts and Manufactures. 5 vols.  
 Church and University Almanac.  
 Civil Service Directory.  
 Civil Service Manual.  
 Colonial Year Book.  
 Commercial London.  
 \*Crane's Universal Directory of Manufactures, &c.  
 Dictionary of Applied Chemistry.  
 Dictionary of English History.  
 Dictionary of National Biography. All vols. published.  
 Dictionary of Phrase and Fable.  
 Dodd's Peerage, Baronetage, Knightage, &c.  
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Total Number of issues for 1889-90,	...	...	7707
" " " 1888-9,...	...	...	8088
Decrease for 1889-90,	...	...	381



TABLE VIII.—SHOWING THE NUMBERS OF MEETINGS OF COMMITTEES AND SUB-COMMITTEES AND THE ATTENDANCES OF MEMBERS.

	Committee (5).		Book Sub-Committee (11).		Building Sub-Committee (4).		Finance Sub-Committee (1).		New Building Fund Sub-Committee (2).	
	P.	A.	P.	A.	P.	A.	P.	A.	P.	A.
Lord Provost STEWART.....	5	0	...	...	2	2	...	...	2	0
Baillie CROMBIE.....	3	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
" LYON.....	3	2	5	6	...	...	...	...	...	...
" BYRES.....	4	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
" RUST.....	5	0	...	...	3	1	...	...	...	...
Treasurer MORGAN.....	5	0	2	9	3	1	...	...	2	0
Councillor BERRY.....	2	3	...	...	...	...	1	0	...	...
" MACONNACHIE.....	4	1	5	6	...	...	...	...	...	...
" MAITLAND MOIR.....	1	4	9	2	...	...	...	...	...	...
" NICOL.....	4	1	...	...	3	1	...	...	...	...
Dr. ALEXANDER.....	3	2	10	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
" BAIN.....	2	3	2	9	...	...	...	...	...	...
ALEXANDER S. COOK.....	2	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
JOHN CROLL, Junior.....	2	3	...	...	2	2	...	...	...	...
ALEXANDER O. GILL.....	3	2	...	...	3	1	...	...	2	0
WILLIAM JOHNSTON.....	2	3	5	6	2	2	...	...	...	...
JOHN SANGSTER.....	1	4	...	...	2	2	1	0	...	...
Rev. GEORGE A. SMITH.....	3	2	3	8	...	...	...	...	...	...
ALEXANDER WALKER.....	2	3	5	6	2	2	...	...	...	...
GEORGE WALKER.....	4	1	10	1	...	...	1	0	...	...

*Account of Revenue and Expenditure for the Year from 30th Sept., 1889, to 30th Sept., 1890.*

REVENUE.				EXPENDITURE.			
Balance in favour of the account, 30th September, 1889, ... ..	£29	8	4	Salaries, ... ..	£584	14	4
Balance of Assessment for year to Whitsunday, 1890, ... £1159	8	8		Janitor, ... ..	65	0	10
Proportion of Assessment for year 1890-91, ...	580	0	0	Books, ... ..	300	5	10
Additional Arrears of Assessment recovered, ... ..	0	15	10	Newspapers and magazines, ... ..	55	19	5
Rents of Properties, ... ..	£1740	4	6	Binder and binding, ... ..	219	8	9
Fines for detention and damage of books, ... ..	169	10	0	Printing, stationery, &c., ... ..	42	8	11
Readers' Tickets sold, ... ..	164	14	2	Insurance, ... ..	8	15	0
Books bestowed, &c. ... ..	31	12	3	Furnishings and repairs, ... ..	56	13	8
	6	10	5	Coal, gas, &c., ... ..	62	12	0
	2112	11	4	Fen-dues and taxes, ... ..	93	13	6
				Rent of Reading Room, ... ..	40	0	0
				Incidental Expenses, ... ..	50	10	3
				Catalogues written off, ... ..	58	10	0
					£1638	11	8
				Interest on borrowed money, ... ..	97	5	0
				Proportion of office salaries, ... ..	34	15	0
				Proportion of general charges of management, ... ..	31	18	1
					£1802	9	9
				Sinking fund for extinguishing debt, ... ..	50	0	0
				Contribution towards New Building, ... ..	200	0	0
				Balance in favour of account, 30th Sept., 1890, ... ..	89	9	11
					£2141	19	8
					£2141	19	8





